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SUBJECT: INDIAN OPIUM EXPORTS TO US

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED INDIAN OPIUM PRODUCTION AND ALLOCATIONS WITH MINISTRY OF FINANCE NARCOTICS OFFICIAL A.P. AGRAWAL MARCH 23. IN RESPONSE TO STATEMENT BY ENDO LABORATORIES WITNESS IN REFTEL A, AGRAWAL ASSERTED THAT " THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT HAS MADE NO SUCH ANNOUNCEMENT AND IT HAS NO SUCH INTENTION." HE CONTINUED, "IF WE HAVE A BUMPER CROP THIS YEAR, THE US WILL GET IT'S SHARE." REPRESENTATIVE OF MALLINCKRODT WAS IN NEW DELHI THE PRECEEDING DAY AND AGRAWAL SAID HE HAD FULL DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT WITH HIM.

2. GOI FIGURES THAT 55,000 HESTARES HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN PLANTED TO OPIUM POPPY THIS CROP YEAR. A HARVEST ESTIMATE IS NOT POSSIBLE YET. THE WEATHER IN THE GROWING AREA HAS BEEN GOOD, AGRAWAL SAID, AND OF THE HASVESTING THAT HAS OCCURRED SO FAR THIS MONTH THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF LOSSED DUE TO MILDEW SUCH AS OCCURED LAST YEAR. ON THE OTHER HAND THE CROP WAS PLANTED LATE IN MANY AREAS AND LATE HARVESTING MAY CAUSE REDUCTION IN YIELD
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IN HOT WEATHER. (COMMENT: WITH HEAT LOOS BEING THE ONLY PENDING PROBLEM, AGRAWAL'S SEPARATE REFERENCE TO "BUMPER CROP" WOULD INDICATE THAT GOI IS HOPEFUL OF SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER OPIUM PRODUCTION THIS YEAR.)

3. AGRAWAL CONFIRMED THAT US ALLOCATION FROM 1976 CROP WAS 214 TONS. AN ADDITIONAL 54 TONS HAD BEEN APPROVED FOR EXPORT

TO THE UNITED STATES OF WHICH 52 TONS WAS IN EXCHANGE FOR CODEINE
AND TWO TONS WERE A ONE-TIME INCREASE. AGRAWAL SAID 1976 FIGURES
ON ACTUAL SHIPMENTS WOULD NOT DEVIATE MUCH FROM ALLOCATION. THESE
WERE NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE, HOWEVER, AND HE WILL PROVIDE THEM
IN NEAR FUTURE.

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